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Bible: Ag coach passes on

Dana X. Bible, great Aggie and Texas Longhorn coach of the early part of the century, died Saturday at the age of 88.

Listed among the great coaches of the game of football and enshrined in at least seven football halls of fame, Bible produced some of his greatest teams at Texas A&M. Coaching eleven years during the span 1917-1928 at A&M, Bible

compiled a record of 72 wins, 19 losses and nine ties. He is the only Aggie football coach (with four years service or more) not to suffer a losing season.

At A&M his teams picked up five Southeast Conference (SWC) football titles and finished three seasons undefeated: In two of those seasons Bible's charges were unbeaten, untied and unscored on. His coaching

produced such SWC players great as E.S. Wilson, W.E. Murrell, Jack Mahan, T.F. Wilson, L.G. Dietrich, Joel Hunt, and J.B. Sikes.

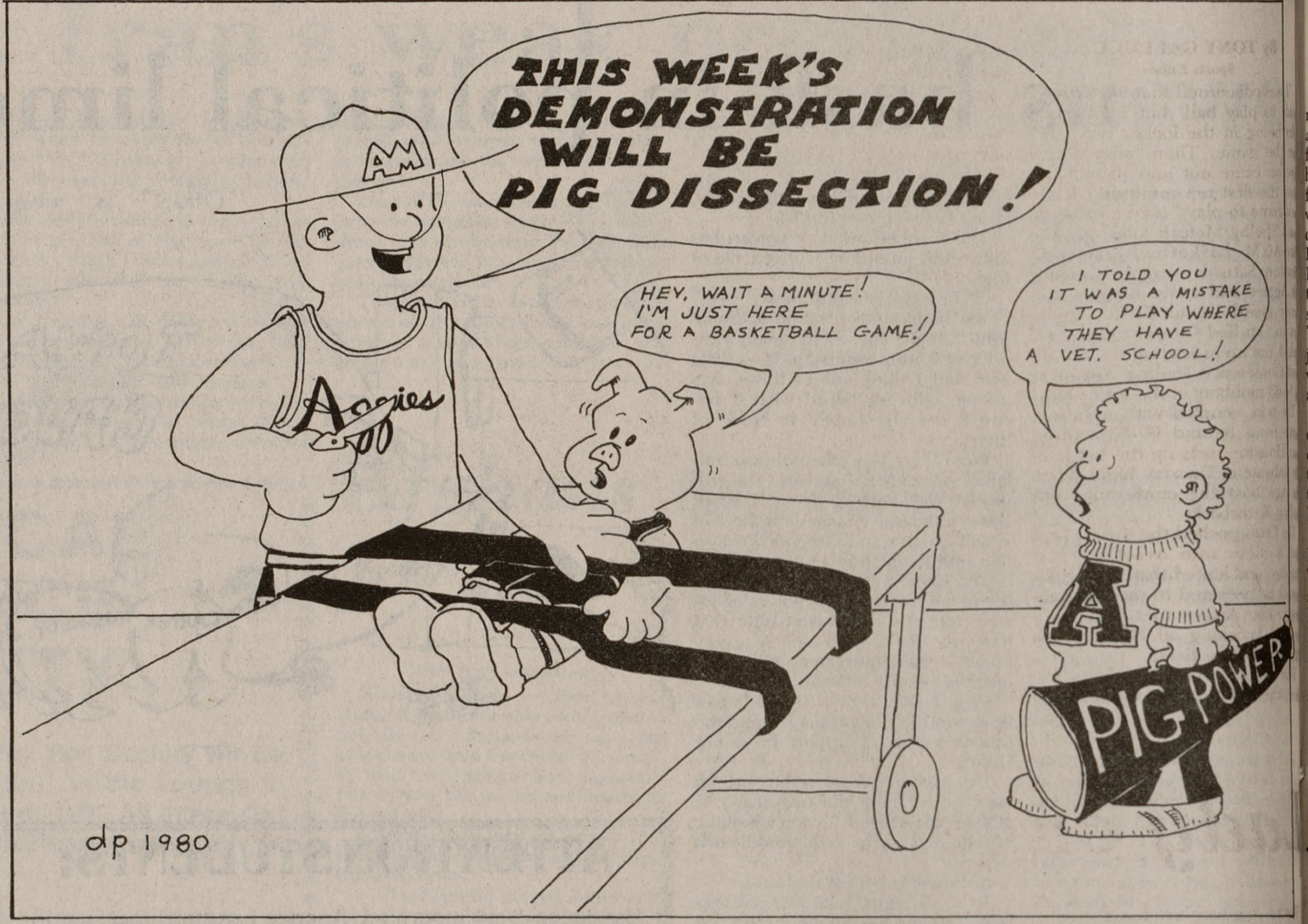
Little known to many football fans is the fact that in that span of years at A&M Bible also coached the Aggie basketball team. One year after coach Bill Driver brought Aggie its only undefeated college season, Driver resigned and Bible took over at the insistence of the student body. In his seven years at the helm Bible collected 91 wins, 46 losses and three SWC titles. He is thus the only A&M coach, besides current coach Shelby Metcalf to bring more than one SWC trophy to Aggieland in basketball. His 1923 seniors, with the Driver-led 1920 season, had four consecutive SWC titles under their belt and named to the All-SWC team from that squad was E. King Gill, the original Aggie Twelfth Man.

Bible was born in Jefferson City, Tennessee, and gained his degree at Carson-Newman College. Before coming to A&M he coached at Mississippi College and L.S.U. After his stint at A&M, Bible went to Nebraska where in eight years he produced six Big Six Conference champions. He then spent his last ten coaching years at the University of Texas bringing the Orange three SWC No. 1's. He stayed at Texas as Athletic Director until 1957 when he retired and was replaced by Darrell Royal.

He was named the recipient of the Alonzo Stagg trophy and received the New York Touchdown Club's award for outstanding service to football in 1954. He served as a member of the NCAA football rules committee for 25 years.

Bible is survived by a son and a daughter. Services were set for 3 p.m. today in Austin.

—Tony Gallucci



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John Tyler was the first U.S. president whose wife died while he was in office, and he was the first vice president elevated to the presidency because of the death of the president.

Aggie wrestlers take tournament

The Texas Aggie grapplers pinned three other teams Saturday in a round-robin tournament in Denton, Texas.

North Texas State University hosted Texas Tech, LeTourneau, and Texas A&M in the meet. Bob Santini, a wrestler-coach, said the team performance was outstanding as the Ags pinned the NTSU Eagles 28-18, the Tech Raiders, 44-11, and LeTourneau, 30-15.

"The most outstanding thing is that this is our rebuilding year," Santini said. "We started 5 freshmen on our 10-man team."

The three wins boost the season record for the Aggie wrestlers to 4-0.

Santini said the team will travel to Missouri for the Southwest Missouri invitational tournament this

weekend. Twenty-one returning All-America wrestlers will be attending the event. Santini said the tournament is a good chance to test the strength of the Aggie team.

Though the Aggies have never come close to taking a first, or even placing in the top three in the out of state tournaments, Santini feels that they have done a respectable job.

The Aggies have seldom been even though their effort is based on a club-team foundation.

Last year the Aggie wrestled placed second in the Texas collegiate championship behind LeTourneau College, which had a well-financed program. The previous year, it placed first.

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